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The CHRISTMAS Spirit



NOT a few persons inclined towards retrospection have remarked "My! how time flies!" Not a few of them have noticed the swift advance of time, the rapid arrival of days and nights, the almost hasty departure of month after month.

Only three hundred and sixty-five days or so ago, we were celebrating a significant day. The atmosphere bespoke something peaceful yet glorious, quiet yet full of meaning. The evenings were cold. In the streets, there was an air of festivity prevailing above the noisy din of usual business life. From windows hang beautiful, novel lanterns, brilliantly illuminated. It was the Christmas Season.

Now, we feel again the same peaceful yet glorious atmosphere. There is again that strange combination of quietude and festivity in our streets. Once again, the nights are getting cold. Once more, beautiful attractive lanterns adorn our windows. It is Christmas again.

To Scouts, the advent of Christmas possesses a meaning double the usual significance which others attribute to it. To Scouts, Christmas is a day not only of great rejoicing over the anniversary of His birth but also a day of extraordinary opportunities for Service performed in the name of the Great Scoutmaster who was born on this day.

In the hearts of all Scouts resides what we call the "Christmas Spirit", which, mingling with the "Scout Spirit", becomes a truly wonderful force in the matter of giving Service to others.

During Christmas, mankind has a tradition of exchanging gifts and presents. Scouts exchange gifts also, and give gifts to others—but they are not always material presents. That is why Scouts can afford to be happy even if, during Christmas, they find themselves unable to buy what

they want for their loved ones. They only have to perform "Christmas good turns", and they are happy,—happy because of the Christmas spirit which dwells in their hearts, happy in the thought that on the day of His birth, they performed something which would make Him glad.

Christmas is indeed symbolic of a thousand things. It is one day on which a great portion of the population of the world joins in a huge celebration. In the West, in the East, in the North, in the South—from far and near—come indications of extraordinary preparations for Christmas.

In such a world as ours today—wherein disorder, bloodshed, and mass killings on the battlefield are common newspaper headlines—wherein the boom of cannons is not an unusual sound—wherein greed and selfishness are gradually and constantly gaining expression through ruthless war and unjust destruction—the coming of Christmas should have a greater meaning.

Let us not forget that on the twenty-fifth day of December, many, many, years ago, the Prince of Peace was born in Bethlehem. A mock celebration of Christmas we would perform indeed if, on this day, the joyful clangs of church bells and chapel chimes are drowned out by the shots of guns and the roar of raiding airplanes. Mock Christians indeed we would be if, on this day of the Saviour's birth, the voices of the dying and the suffering outdo in volume the tunes of Christmas carols.

It is always morbid to think of these things at such a time as this. It is not Christmas-like to ponder over the "darker side" of present day existence while everyone of us is expected to put on his most contagious smile and emit his merriest laugh. Yet, we cannot escape altogether the reality which stares at us, and which compels us to stare at it in return.

The most we can do, therefore, is to remember that we are Scouts. Scouts! There is magic in the name! Christmas for Scouts! There is mysterious joy in that phrase!!

How fortunate are we,—members of the Scout Movement—who, in spite of all prevailing disagreements and misunderstandings, stand perfectly united, unanimous in creed and ideals! How glorious is the Christmas which we share! Millions of Scouts—coming from different lands, uttering different tongues, dressed in various styles, contrasting in political, religious, and social beliefs—and yet united and undivided in a universal Oath to do our duty to God, to Country, to others, and to ourselves. No wonder that on the day of the Great Scoutmaster's birth, we unconsciously consolidate our thoughts and intentions in one large lump of prayers and offerings to Him who is the source of all life. *Peace on earth—good will to men!* Thus has been our all-time Christmas slogan. Let us keep it so! *There is great need for it today!*

As we approach the twenty-fifth of December, let us unite our hearts and souls in prayer to the Great Scoutmaster:

*"Our Father in Heaven—
Above us, we ask Thee
For guidance in our daily
task.*

*May virtue and manhood
Stand strongly amongst us.
To Thee we give all of our
thanks.*

*The Scout Oath, the Scout
Law,*

*Their lessons unfolding
To our youth, in numbers
untold,*

*Our Motto, our Good Turn,
May we live it and teach it,
Great Spirit of Scouting, we
pray."*

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Maj. Gen. BASILIO J. VALDES

Member, National Executive Board,
Boy Scouts of the Philippines

THIS month, we are glad to present to you as the feature of our Roll-Call a distinguished personage in the Philippines,—Major-General Basilio J. Valdes, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army and prominent member of our National Executive Board.

General Valdes is among those of whom our organization is very proud. Not only is he recognized as one of the highest officials of the Philippine Army but also as a surgeon of international renown.

Although General Valdes is better known as an Army official, it was not his boyhood ambition to become such. Medicine has always been his chosen field of service to his country.

General Valdes was born in Manila on July 10, 1894. His father is Dr. Benito Valdes y Salvador while his mother is Filomena Pica.

He secured his education from various schools and colleges not only in the Philippines but also in foreign countries. In fact, he had his preliminary schooling at Barcelona, Spain. He also attended school in Hongkong.

After finishing his secondary education at the Manila High School, he enrolled in the College of Medicine, University of Santo Tomas.

Immediately after graduation, he was appointed instructor in physiology at the University of the Philippines. He soon discovered, however, that teaching was too dull for him. He has an adventurous spirit. He wanted to make actual use of his skill as a physician. Furthermore, he wanted to render service to humanity through the practice of his profession.

Accordingly, in September, 1916, the young physician left for Europe to join the French Red Cross. Two months later, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the French Red Cross Hospital No. 101, under Captain Cotte, now professor of Gynecology, University of Lyons.

It did not take long for General Valdes' superiors to realize the possibilities that resided in the person of the young surgeon who had just arrived from the Philippines. His services were outstanding and the French were not slow to recognize them. In July of the following year, he was appointed a Captain in the Amer-



Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes

ican Red Cross and was assigned to Military Hospital V. R. 76 as Assistant to Colonel William L. Keller, U. S. Army Medical Corps.

General Valdes' capability in his chosen line of work continued to manifest itself as the months rolled on. In June, 1918, he was made Chief Surgeon of the Military Hospital of Arc-En-Barrois, Haute Marne. In February, 1919, he was appointed member of the Inter-Allied Commission to Germany and served in various capacities until July of the same year, when he was promoted to Major and Deputy Commissioner, American Red Cross. His rapid advancement did not stop. A month later, he was made Chief of the Medical service of the Red Cross Commission to Albania.

It was here that illness suddenly overtook the promising surgeon, which necessitated his departure from New York and later, his return to the Philippines. His illness, however, served as the turning point of his military career in the Philippines.

On June 6th, 1921, he was appointed first lieutenant and Medical Inspector of the Philippine Constabulary. In March of the following year, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and Surgeon; and in November, 1925, he was made Major in the Philippine Constabulary. Three months after his appointment as Major, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and Chief Surgeon of the Philippine Constabulary. This was on February 4, 1936. Two months later, he was elected President of the Board of Medical Examiners of the Philippines.

The same continuous promotion which characterized General Valdes' career in Europe is noticeable in his career in the Philippines,—a very eloquent testimony to the truth of the saying, "You can't keep a good man down."

On January 25, 1933, he was appointed acting Commissioner of Health and Welfare of the Philippine Government. On May 1st of the following year, he was promoted to Brigadier-General and Chief of the Constabulary Division. Upon the organization of the Philippine Army on January 11, 1936, he received appointment as Brigadier-General and First Assistant Chief of Staff. Five months later, he was promoted to the rank of Major-General, with the designation as Deputy Chief of Staff, Philippine Army.

When the Philippine Constabulary was recreated recently by Commonwealth Act No. 343, Major-General Valdes was appointed Acting Chief of the Constabulary.

There can be no doubt that with this amazing rate of promotion that has featured the career of

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TO OUR PRESIDENT

WE take special pride in dedicating this issue of *Philippine Scouting* to the most outstanding layman in Scouting in our country today—our beloved President, Major J. E. H. Stevenot, whose picture graces our cover.

In dedicating this number to Major Stevenot, we render honor to a man who is not only our President, but also the one chiefly responsible for the autonomy that we are now enjoying as an independent Boy Scout Organization.

Major Stevenot's services become more valuable and noteworthy in our estimation as we consider the fact that he is not a Filipino. The presumption was current that as an American, Mr. Stevenot could not have been sincerely interested in, and seriously concerned with, the aspirations of Filipino Scouts and Scouters for self-determination. Yet he proved to be more aggressively nationalistic than some of his Filipino colleagues. His efforts in connection with the enactment of Commonwealth Act No. 111 constitute not only a significant part of the history of Scouting in this country, but also a record of the heroic exploits of a modern knight that has surmounted great obstacles and accomplished a gigantic and monumental task.

The first National Assembly which had already adjourned after its first session was called by His Excellency, President Manuel L. Quezon, to a special session in order to consider matters of momentous importance, among which was the abolition of the Teachers' Pension Fund and similar institutions. The special session was about to close and yet important hearings had to be conducted, and the legislative calendar was full. How Mr. Stevenot, through his friends and associates, succeeded, and the legislative ting the National Assembly to postpone discussion on the various pension bills in order to get-pass the law creating the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, is history that reads like fiction. What apparently was impossible was made possible.

As the leader of our great Organization, President Stevenot is rendering inestimable service to Filipino Youth. As the benefactor of our Youth, he is performing a task of immeasurable importance to our Country. He is a friend not only of all Boy Scouts, but of the entire Filipino Nation as well. MABUHAY, President Stevenot!!

"The ideal Scouting method is an educational-recreational method of conducting a Troop in such a manner that the boys themselves do their own thinking, planning, initiating, executing and even examining, to as great an extent as practicable under the leadership of a trained Scoutmaster who gives just enough but not too much wise guidance."—Principles of Scoutmastership, Boy Scouts of America.

CHARACTER VALUES OF SCOUTING

WHEN His Excellency, the President of the Philippines, made his memorable birthday speech at the Rizal Memorial Stadium last August, he rendered the country another signal service by calling the attention of our people to a fundamental need, that of strengthening the character of our citizenry. This is admittedly a difficult task, one that requires the unstinted support and the active cooperation of the home, the church, the school, and the community. At the same time, it is a task which must be done, and done well if we are to survive as a nation, for in the final analysis the surest guarantee of our national security is individual integrity and strength of character in our citizens.

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines is essentially an organization for character building. Its objectives as well as its program of activities are intended primarily to develop in the growing boy greater and greater powers of adjustment to and control over the physical and social forces that impinge upon his unfolding personality. It supplements in a truly effective way the training provided by the curriculum of the school. Step by step, as the Scout works his way up from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout, he develops useful habits and skills and desirable attitudes which, if made permanent and reenforced by other educative influences, are bound to become an integral part of his moral make-up.

Before being admitted into the organization, the Boy Scout has to take an Oath whereby he promises three things; namely, (1) to do his duty to God and his country and to obey the Scout Law; (2) to help other people at all times; (3) to keep himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. If every Scout makes an earnest effort to live his Oath, as he is expected to do, there can be no cause for worry as to the type of man he will become.

What is the Scout Law which every boy binds himself to observe? As every Boy Scout or Scoutmaster knows, it is an enumeration of the desirable traits which the Scout is expected to de-

By CECILIO PUTONG

*Chairman, Editorial Board
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velop. According to this Law, a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Here we have a comprehensive list of traits for a well-rounded program of character education. Every Scout is supposed to learn these traits by heart and to understand their meaning fully. And what is far more important, he has to live them. Nor is that all, for hand in hand with the development of habits goes the development of right attitudes, which are of great importance in character formation.

There are three features of Scouting which to my mind are worth pointing out. The first is the timeliness of its program of activities. To put it figuratively, Scouting strikes while the iron is hot. It takes cognizance of the characteristics and needs of the adolescent boy and provides him with a series of activities suited to these needs. For instance, since the herding tendency, otherwise known as gregariousness, manifests itself strongly at this period, Scouting provides opportunities

for the proper expression of this natural tendency through the patrol and the troop activities. As a result of these group activities, loyalty to the troop and to the organization is developed. In the same way, the natural love of boys for outdoor life is amply provided for by the hikes and the camping activities. The protective tendency, which also grows in strength at this period, is given expression in connection with that part of the Law relating to kindness which is explained as friendliness to animals and a desire to save and protect all harmless life. Needless to say, Scouting offers unlimited opportunities for the satisfaction of the boy's curiosity, another strong tendency in the adolescent. The desire for play is likewise gratified in the many games and songs that are usually given a place in every meeting of the troop. Thus it can be seen that the Boy Scout program is based upon sound psychological principles.

Another important feature is the emphasis on doing. The Scout learns by actual practice. He learns to be helpful by actually helping—taking an old woman across a busy street, saving a child from a furious dog, showing the way to a lost stranger, and the like. During the Carnival season our Boy Scouts do many a good turn by looking for stray children and taking care of them until their parents call for them. We have known of actual cases of Boy Scouts who have even risked their lives in order to do a good deed. One Scout, for instance, saved his father's life by swimming one and one-half miles to get help; another rescued a man who was drowning in a river; and still another not long ago rescued an unconscious woman from a burning firecracker factory. These Scouts were heroes in every sense of the word. In this respect of integrating discussion with activity, word with action, and learning with doing, Scouting is superior to what can ordinarily be done in the average classroom. While our teachers believe in the idea, they are often helpless in the face of the very limited opportunities for

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DR. CECILIO PUTONG

FOR SCOUTERS

THE ANNIVERSARY PERIOD —



A portion of the crowd at the Campfire Program, Sunken Gardens.



Boy Scouts professing the Catholic Faith at a Special Field Mass, Manila.

THE period between October 31st and November 15th, 1938, has gone and is now definitely a part of history. I write this "brief review" partly to keep a record of general facts connected with the events which happened between those dates, and partly to render a report to the Scouting field of what we accomplished in the way of celebrating the second anniversary of the approval of Commonwealth Act 111.

Parenthetically, as Chairman of the National Committee on our Anniversary Period celebration, I wish, first of all, to make public my sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of our Anniversary celebration, particularly to the members of the Committee, who worked earnestly and at great sacrifice of time and effort.

This being done away with, I should like to proceed with a dispassionate and impartial review of our Anniversary Period, so that from it we may gain inspiration and enthusiasm with which to go into our celebration

next year, and also to gather helpful hints which may help us put on a bigger celebration next time.

I believe that for the purpose of making out a comprehensive report, the organization of the National Committee on Anniversary Period celebration can be utilized as an outline.

The National Committee was composed of six members, including Chief Scout Executive Villacorta, who rendered very laudable services as Executive Secretary of the Committee. Each member of the Committee was in turn appointed chairman of different sub-committees which were created in order to achieve greater results thru organized division of labor. These committees were, namely: Committee on Activities, Committee on Publicity, Committee on Radio Programs, and Committee on Invitations.

The reports of these various sub-committees, therefore, will best serve as the report of the National Committee, and are ex-



District rally during "Be Prepared Day"

pected to furnish information regarding any phase of the work of the Committee as a whole.

Committee on Activities. Obviously, this committee performed the most work. A sixteen-days celebration is no joke. Especially considering the fact that this was the first time that our Anniversary was celebrated and that our men were handicapped



Grand Parade on "Laymen's Day". In the reviewing stand may be seen President J. E. H. Stevenot, National Scout Commissioner Manuel Camus, Chief Scout Executive E. Villacorta, Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, Gabriel A. Daza, and other members of the National Executive Board.

AND SCOUTS

A BRIEF REVIEW

By Hon. Manuel Camus

*National Scout Commissioner and Chairman,
National Committee, Anniversary
Period Celebration*

by lack of previous experience in anniversary celebrations, we can gain an idea of the vast amount of work that our Committee on Activities had to perform.

I shall not give a detailed account of each activity that we conducted during the Period but I shall mention a few of those which

Scouters in the Philippines to join in a national re-dedication to the Scout Oath and Law, led by Mr. Villacorta.

Special mention must be made also of the Manila celebration of "Scouts' Day in Church", which was featured by separate religious services for Boy Scouts of different faiths. The Catholic Boy Scouts were given opportunity to attend a field mass at the San Marcelino Grounds. Scouts belonging to the Protestant faith attended a special service at the Central Student Church. Boy Scouts who belong to the Philippine Independent Church were also given a chance to assemble and attend in one large group a service specially celebrated for them at their own Cathedral.

The following day, a conference of all Scout Leaders in Manila and the neighboring provinces was



The Members of the National Committee on Anniversary Period Celebration, namely, Judge Manuel Camus, Chairman, and Members G. A. Daza, Benito Pañgilinan, Prudencio Langcaon, Enrique Lolarga, and Exequiel Villacorta.

held at the School of Hygiene and Public Health. Several distinguished Scouters were invited to speak during the conference, and all those who attended testified afterwards to its success. I must not omit mention of the fact that among those in attendance were Scouters coming from as far as Pampanga, Bulacan, and Nueva Ecija. Of course there was a good-sized delegation from Rizal.

Another big day in our Anniversary was November 10th, designated "Good Turn Day". On this day Scouts went on duty at all Puericulture Centers and hospitals. They also served as school-boy safety patrols in their respective schools. Some troops went on house-to-house visits in their communities, collecting old toys and worn-out clothing, which they are at present repairing, to be distributed during Christmas among the poor.

Two days after "Good Turn Day" came another day of extraordinary activity for Scouts. This was "Be Prepared Day", which was celebrated all over the Archipelago with rallies and field meets. District Scout Commissioners showed splendid executive ability by organizing rallies and field competitions within their own districts. I should say that on this day, the public really received a treat regarding what Boy Scouts mean by saying that they are always "Prepared".

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Mabini Elementary School, Manila.



Scouts demonstrating First Aid at a local drug store.

I believe merit our commendation and applause.

Foremost of these, of course, was the huge Torch Parade which Scouts and Scout Leaders in Manila and the neighboring towns staged in the evening of October 31st. This parade was featured prominently in local newspapers before the event and all expectations were found to be fulfilled. As most Scouters know also, we succeeded in our plans to have a national hook-up that evening in order to enable all Boy Scouts and

Anniversary Period Celebration.



President Stevenot delivering his address at the Banquet on "Laymen's Day".

"Let's CELEBRATE..."

Opening Remarks of Hon. Manuel Camus, National Scout Commissioner, Delivered During the Campfire Program on Foundation Day, October 31, 1938.



FELLOW Scouters and Scouts:
Ladies and Gentlemen:
Friends of the Boy Scouts
of the Philippines:

We are indebted this evening to the Manager of Station KZEG, for having donated this period to us, to Dy Buncio and Company, for sponsoring this broadcast over Station KZIB, and to Muller and Phipps Ltd., agents for the well-known Kolynos toothpaste, and to the Manila Motor Company, who are sponsoring this program over Station KZRM. The combined cooperation of these different companies is making possible this national hook-up by remote control. May we hope to prove ourselves worthy of their generosity and good will!

The occasion which has called us together tonight, as you undoubtedly know, is the second anniversary of the approval of Commonwealth Act 111, which chartered the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. It is a grand and significant occasion, and it appears more so as I gaze around me this evening, dazzled by hundreds of blazing torches and brilliant beautiful lanterns. Never have I seen so glorious an occasion so gloriously celebrated!

I bid all of you sincere welcome this evening on the opening of our Anniversary Period, which is scheduled to extend till Commonwealth Day, November 15th. This memorable campfire will forever remain as a much-talked of subject in the annals of Philippine Scouting, and I am doubly glad over it

because you are here with me to share these rare delights.

But let not this day be simply a day of celebration and rejoicing, nor merely a day of self-recognition. Let us make it a day tribute and gratitude too. Let us, this evening, pay tribute and grant recognition to those who have worked hardest in our behalf, who have unselfishly toiled in behalf of Filipino Youth.

We would be extremely ungrateful indeed, if, after having achieved our present state of progress and achievement, we deliberately disregard what that great organization—the Boy Scouts of America—has done for us. We would be extremely ungrateful indeed, if, in this hour of recollection over the triumphs we have attained, we lose memory or omit mention of what the Boy Scouts of America has accomplished in the Philippines.

Let us give tribute to the Boy Scouts of America, my friends—tribute to that magnificent host of noble American Scouters who compose the National Staff of the Boy Scouts of America, to Dr. James E. West, their beloved Chief Scout Executive, to Mr. Walter W. Head, their distinguished President, to the capable directors of their various divisions and services, and most important of all, to one of their best Scout Executives, Major Ernest E. Voss, who worked side by side with us, who suffered and sweat in the firing line amongst us, whose memory we will cherish forever—and while such tribute is bound to be a lasting resident in our hearts, let us, nevertheless, grasp this opportunity of rendering united honor to all these outstanding men, through whose efforts we have become what we are now.

Some of you—many of you—may wonder why we have arranged it such that our Anniversary Period lasts for sixteen days instead of the usual seven days which compose a Week. The Boy Scouts of America devotes only a week to the celebration of its anniversary.

Well, the reason is simple and not difficult to comprehend. In including among our National By-Laws a provision setting aside the period from October 31st to November 15th as Anniversary Period, the National Executive Board of our Organization took into consideration the fact that on November 15th, we shall celebrate the Anniversary of the Commonwealth, and that by extending our celebration to our Commonwealth Anniversary, we shall be able to bring more clearly to you—especially to the public—the important relation between Scouting and the Commonwealth—for such a relation exists indeed.

In the Scout Oath—which we repeated after Chief Scout Executive Exequiel Villacorta a few minutes ago—we vowed to do our duty to God and our Country. In our Scout Law, we are taught Loyalty to the Fatherland. In adopting Service as the Scout watch-word, service to Country is emphasized.

As sons of this great Commonwealth of ours, we have a common duty to perform. And I am certain that we shall gain inspiration in the performance of that Duty by thus mingling together on such a magnificent evening as this, with nothing but mutual friendship and contagious good will in our hearts. Seated around this luminous campfire, we are comrades in a common adventure, sharing a common faith, seeing a common dream.

A greater Commonwealth—a fairer Filipinas—that is the vision which unfolds before us tonight! Let us strive to make this Anniversary Period truly significant and meaningful. Let us derive from it as much inspiration as the efforts we put into its elaborate preparation.

Let us all make this Anniversary Period truthfully symbolic of a birthday celebration—the birthday of Filipino Youth, a milestone in its march towards future useful and patriotic citizenship.

Fellow Scouters and Scouts, Ladies and gentlemen,—let us celebrate!

Presidential Speech

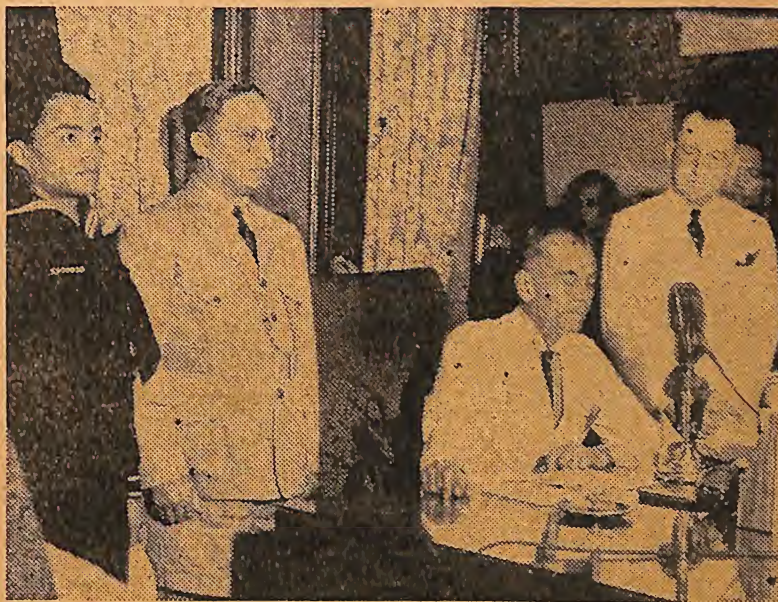
*Delivered on Foundation Day, October 31st,
From Malacañan Palace,
By His Excellency, the President of the Philippines*

FELLOW Scouters and Scouts:

I am happy to address you on this second anniversary of your Commonwealth Charter, and to extend to the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines my warmest felicitations for the progress they have attained during the last two years. More than 30,000 members are now on your rolls. That is indeed a splendid achievement, giving assurance that the world-wide movement devoted to the promotion of the ideals of peace, democracy, and sturdy manhood will grow and flourish in the Philippines.

As the twig bends, so will the tree grow. This old adage, so true in plant life, is equally true among human beings. The moulding of character, the formation of ideals and ambitions, the building up of physical prowess—all these must take place during the years of early youth. It is during that stage when man is in a sort of plastic state that his growth and development assumes definite direction. Many of the decisive influences cannot be imparted either in the school or in the home. Wholesome contact with nature, the freedom of the outdoors, grappling with practical obstacles and problems—these and these alone can give a young man an opportunity to discover his moral, mental and physical resources, and thus to comprehend the necessity of their development in order better to meet these problems. It is a great objective of the Boy Scout organization to give to the youth this training in the practical application of their capabilities.

A Boy Scout is taught to be self-reliant. That means that he must endeavor to possess both physical and moral courage. It means that he will not be afraid to meet beast or man on an equal footing, because he has developed adequately his skill and brawn. It likewise means that he shall have courage to do what is right, for the sake of rights itself, irrespective of the consequences either to his life or fortune.



His Excellency, President Manuel L. Quezon, broadcasting his speech from Malacañan on October 31st, Foundation Day.

A Boy Scout is taught to be a lover of nature. He is trained to learn the value of trees and birds, to know the use of the rippling brook, and to gaze with intelligent eyes at all forms of life. A good Scout knows how to wade a stream, to open a river or scale a peak. A lay in the woods reveals to him the great adventure of utilizing nature to serve man's purposes. He learns to work with his hands and to find joy in strenuous efforts to solve difficulties provided by his environment.

A Boy Scout learns to be kind and charitable. He learns to bandage the wounded limb of a fallen comrade and to protect a bird or a harmless insect in misery. He helps an aged man on his feet or takes a wandering child into safety. He is taught to do good deeds for the beauty of them and because they make him happy.

Above all a Boy Scout is trained to develop the principal faculties which make up his character. He is courteous, truthful, reliable, honest, generous, and chivalrous. In one word, he is taught to be a strong, useful and good man. He learns to grow like a *molave* on the hillside and not like a plant in the hot house.

Any organization with these great objectives deserves the support of everyone. I trust that the Boy Scouts of the Philippines will enjoy that support from all public-spirited citizens. No other movement can give greater or more precious dividends to our Commonwealth than this effort to build up the character and manhood of our citizenry.

Boy Scouts of the Philippines, you enjoy a priceless opportunity for valuable moral and physical improvement. I hope you will avail yourselves in full measure of that opportunity. Your lofty ideals are embodied in the Scout Oath and Law. I urge upon you to strengthen your faith in those ideals and to prepare yourselves as well as you can to take part in their accomplishment.

The greatest need of our country today is a citizenry composed of strong, clean, earnest and socially efficient men. You are being trained to be such men. You will be the men who will provide our country with the kind of leadership that it needs and without which it cannot endure. There should be more of you. Ask your friends to join your organization.

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That First Evening

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wherever they went—presenting, in all, a glamorous display of Youth on the march, holders of torches symbolic of Truth and Knowledge, the ideals of Scouting.

At seven o'clock, the Sunken Gardens presented a magnificent vista heretofore unseen in Manila. A huge campfire was roaring away in mighty howls. Around it were seated more than two thousand Boy Scouts and Cubs from all over the capital and its environs.

It was indeed most unfortunate that His Excellency, President Manuel L. Quezon, could not come to deliver his speech from the seat of ceremonies. We had to be content, therefore, — and we were very much delighted nevertheless — to hear His Excellency* address the Scouting field from Malacañan.

Our celebration was also enlivened by the attendance of the Philippine Military Band, which played for us the Anniversary Song composed by Lt. A. Buenaventura of the University of the Philippines. The words of this song were written by our Managing Editor, Ricardo R. de la Cruz.

A very significant feature of our program was the national rededication to the Scout Oath and Law, which took place shortly before the conclusion of the program. The fact that our half-hour campfire ceremony was broadcast over three stations by remote control, and reached practically every portion of the Archipelago, facilitated the national rededication we were anxious to have. We are grateful to all concerned for thus having successfully enabled all Scouters and Scouts who could afford to listen, to join that mass recommitment to our highest ideals.

It was most regrettable that rain should come before we could complete our program, but we are grateful, at all events, for the fact that it rained after all important numbers had been rendered.

Now, that first evening is but a memory. But it should not be one of those memories which we cherish simply for their sheer beauty. It is a beautiful memory with a significant meaning. It should have impressed us that every Boy Scout and Scouter the world over is committed the same obligation "to do our duty to God and our Country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help

Let Us

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Committee on Invitations. If ever we secured a large attendance at our activities, we owe it greatly to our Committee on Invitations, which circularized news of our forthcoming affairs, particularly during "Scouts' Day in Church" and "Laymen's Day".

Our activities were attended not only by Scouters and Scouts, but by interested laymen as well.

And so it is that we find how the cheerful cooperation of each and every member of a certain corporation can contribute towards the glory of the whole group. One more irrefutable testimony to the indispensability of Cooperation!

In conclusion, I should like to commend the capable chairmen of the following special days in our Anniversary Period calendar, who worked hardest for united success:

Foundation Day, Prudencio Langeaon

All Saints' Day, Librado I. Ureta

Cubbing Day, Domingo F. de Vera

Senior Scouting Day, Moises Rulloda

Scouters' Day, Angel Okol

Scouts' Day Out-of-Doors, Severiano V. Araos

Scouts' Day in Church, Gabriel A. Daza

Rural Scouting Day, Sesenio Rivera

Good Turn Day, Arsenio Tenmatay

Be Prepared Day, Jose V. Carls
Laymen's Day, Rustico Navarro

Patriotism Day, Benito Pangilinan

other people at all times, and to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

*His speech, together with that of Judge Manuel Camus, our National Scout Commissioner, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, appear elsewhere in this issue.

Character Values . . .

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such integration.

A third feature of Scouting is the self-motivating nature of the activities or projects that would entitle a Scout to a merit badge. A varied list of projects is given and the Scout chooses the ones that appeal to him. He undertakes the projects himself. He virtually works under his own steam. There is no authority imposed from the outside. The discipline thus developed is self-imposed, just the type of discipline necessary in a democratic form of government such as that which we have adopted in this country.

There are other excellent features of Scouting which we shall not take the time to discuss. Among these are the absence of unwholesome competition, the provision for a great deal of physical activity, and the many opportunities afforded the boy for close contact with nature. Its greatest value, however, is in the matter of citizenship training. As Dean James E. Russell of Teachers College, Columbia University, has put it, Scouting has "marvelous potency for converting the restless, irresponsible, self-centered boy into the straight-forward, dependable helpful young citizen." There is, therefore, every reason why we should be grateful for the founding of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines as an independent national organization. May it enjoy a healthy growth so that it will be able to fulfill its mission of developing our boys into citizens with strong bodies, vigorous minds, and stout hearts!

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The Roll Call . . .

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General Valdes, he is expected to receive more and higher honors. It is predicted, under the present plan of rotating the post of Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army, that Major-General Valdes will succeed Major-General Paulino Santos when the latter leaves this post.

General Valdes is among the most-decorated officials in the Philippines. He holds various awards from a number of foreign

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By "S. M."

COMMUNITY GOOD TURNS

EVERY boy who comes into my Troop, when he takes his Oath and Law examination for Tenderfoot Rank, is asked this question: "How can you do your duty to your country?"

Invariably, we hear the boy proudly declaiming a resolve to go to the battlefield and fight for his Filipinas. That is about the most common concept that boys have about "duty to Country". In the Scout Oath, he promises to do his best to do his duty to his Country. And his idea is usually a "tragic" one.

Scouting, however, teaches a boy a better way to render service to the Fatherland. The Scout does a good turn daily, and each good turn is a grain of service to the Country. That is a point of inspiration that should be impressed deeply upon the mind of the young Tenderfoot who comes bustling into the Troop with a bundle of enthusiasm. It rectifies his mistaken idea about service to country, and clarifies his own ideals. Instead of "dying" for his country, he strives to live and be strong, so that he can be of utmost value to his countrymen. That is the Scouting idea of service to country.

Sometimes, it takes a lot of effort on the part of Scout leaders before boys fully understand the value of Good Turns and see the actual benefits derived by the community from their acts. Troop good turns are useful in gaining the desired results.

"Bucket Brigades". Most towns in the Philippines do not have fire apparatus, and those fires which occasionally occur are put out by

the citizens themselves, aided by the town police. In some instances, when the fires become very large, they are uncontrollable. They stop only when nothing else remains to be burned. And by the time they stop, much property has been destroyed.

Boy Scouts are in excellent position to help in fighting conflagrations. As a matter of fact, most of them do. However, some system is needed by which these boys can be properly and promptly mobilized in times of distress, and efficiently utilized in the actual work of putting out fires and controlling crowds.

A few Troops organize "Bucket Brigades", which are regularly drilled for service in cases of fire. Formations are studied, and the actual passing of the bucket from hand to hand is constantly practised so as to insure swift action during fires.

This is a Community Good Turn, the value of which is incalculable. Scoutmasters should confer with town officials, and I am sure that they will be only too glad to avail themselves of the Boy Scouts' help during such catastrophes.

Typhoon Service. The typhoon is another common enemy of the



Philippines. Seldom does a year pass without four or five typhoons in its list of disasters.

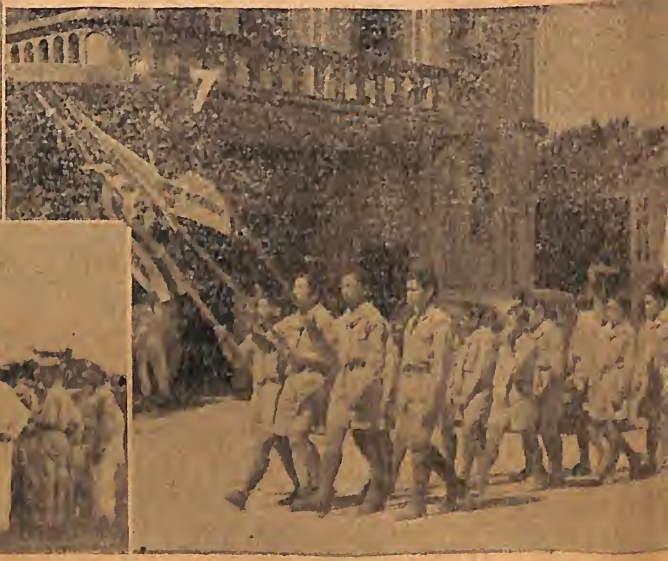
Again, the courage and resourcefulness of Scouts are put to a test. Here is one instance when the individual initiative of the boy is combined with that of others, and capitalized upon magnificently to produce a splendid whole.

Typhoon "relief patrols" should exist in every Boy Scout Troop. Capable boys should be selected to compose these groups, because they will tackle danger, and sometimes, even Death. Going around in bancas, looking for dead bodies and missing relatives, is no easy job!

Schoolboy Safety Patrols. This seems to be one of the most com-

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- (1) These Boy Scouts of Olongapo, Zambales, together with their Scouters, are shown reciting the Scout Oath on Foundation Day, October 31st, after the Chief Scout Executive, who led the nation-wide rededication.
- (2) Baguio Boy Scouts are very active at present. Reports received at National Headquarters testify to this. The picture shows a campfire program they recently held. They always have hosts of interested spectators.
- (3) We insert this posed picture of Scouts belonging to Troop 87, Malabon, Rizal, who are shown with their Scoutmaster, Luis Gutierrez, on one of their recent troop hikes.
- (4) Scouts of Troop 487, Pambujon, Samar, go on a troop hike in the woods with their Scouters. It's the life for Scouts!
- (5) These men are learning the rudiments of Scouting, under the tutorage of Deputy Chief Scout Executive S. V. Araos, who conducted this Scoutmastership Course in Masbate, Masbate, last September.

Education Officials Register

SOME officials of the Bureau of Education, at Manila, have just registered as Commissioners for the Public Schools. They are:

Serafin Aquino (Acting Superintendent of Physical Education)—*National Field Scout Commissioner for the Public Schools*

Jose S. de Castro (Supervisor of Physical Education)—*Assistant National Field Scout Commissioner for Public Schools*

Antonino Nicanor (Supervisor of Physical Education) *Assistant Field Scout Commissioner for Public Schools*

Januario O. Angeles, (Supervisor of Physical Education)—*Assistant Field Scout Commissioner for Public Schools*

Public school units are hereby informed that they may be inspected by these men from time to time.

Masbate Scouts

TWENTY numbers in a campfire program!

This is not a "strange but true" story,—just the record of one of the many activities which the Scouts of Guinobatan, Masbate, conducted during Anniversary Period. From the looks of the following program (which we are publishing as a help to other Scoutmasters), they must have enjoyed the evening thoroughly!

PROGRAM

Invocation to Fire Lighting Ceremony

Song—*We're Boy Scouts of the Philippines*

Short Talk on the Scout Oath

Vocal solo with Hawaiian Guitar Accompaniment

Recitation—*The Scout Law*

Song—*Greetings to our Visitors*
Stunt—*The Strongest Man in the World*

Vocal Solo

Short Talk — *The Scouts' Good Turn Test*

Stunt—*The Coming of the Pilgrims*

Game—*R. U. Ready Brother*

Song—*John Brown's Baby*

Flivver Stunt

Song—*Trek Cart Song*

Stunt—*The Monkey and the Cat*

Duet—*Till We Meet Again*

Magic Stunt

Game—*Tractor*

Funny Magician From the North Pole

Stunt—*Admiral Poof*

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McKinley Boy Scouts

AT hoontime last November 11th, a group of sweating Boy Scouts arrived at the National Office, carrying several bundles and boxes containing old toys and worn-out clothing.

They represented the "good turn" of McKinley Boy Scouts in celebration of GOOD TURN DAY last November 10th.

The toys and clothes have been turned over to the Associated Charities, and will be distributed during Christmas among the poor.

The boys who actively participated in the Good Turn were: J. Abara, F. Abara, P. Samson, and C. Reyes. They were led by Exequiel Gonzales, Scoutmaster of Troop 28.

Coron Activities

WITH firm belief in the principle that careful planning is productive of good results, Scoutmaster Manuel Ventura of Troop 265, of the Coron Central School, Coron, Palawan, submits a schedule of activities which he intends to carry out in his Troop program, from October, 1938, to October, 1939.

Going over the schedule, we note some splendid evidences of keen foresight. All special days and holidays in the school calendar are properly cared for.

All that needs to be done now is to prepare for their faithful execution of these plans. Using as a basis the successful celebration of Anniversary Period which Coron Boy Scouts achieved recently, we are all optimistic over the realization of their dreams.

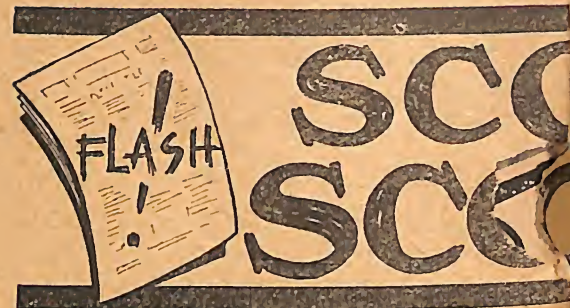
Malasiqui Celebrates

ONE of the towns which reported early on their Anniversary Period celebration is Malasiqui, Pangasinan, where members of Troops 698 and 839 joined forces to stage a colorful celebration of Foundation Day, October 31st.

A Scout program was held in the Malasiqui Central School in the afternoon, followed immediately by a Torch Parade. The Parade ended at seven o'clock at the town plaza, where a campfire program was held till nine o'clock.

Scoutmaster Amado Boquiren acted as Grand Marshal and Master of Ceremonies in the parade and the program respectively.

Send Us Reports of Your Activities.



Pampanga Pow-wow

SCHEDULED to be one of the grand Scouting events in Pampanga next month is the Pampanga Boy Scouts' Pow-Wow which Scout leaders of the province are busy preparing for at the present time. The Pow-Wow will be held in San Fernando, from December 29th to 30th, inclusive.

Inter-troop competitions and a grand campfire program will feature the Pow Wow, designed to give the public a demonstration of Scoutcraft activities and to foster closer friendship among Pampanga Scouts. Fifteen troops, three Cub packs, one Lone Scout Tribe, and one Explorer Scout Troop are expected to participate in the Pow-Wow.

In a special program printed by Angeles Boy Scouts, through the courtesy of the "Ing Cabbling" Press, the staff of the Pampanga Boy Scouts Pow-Wow invites everybody to the affair. The dates are December 29th and 30th, don't forget!

Bautista Abroad

MARCELINO Bautista, Assistant Superintendent of City Schools and Deputy City Scout Commissioner, sailed last October for Europe and the United States, in company with Hon. Camilo Osias, who is at present on an educational tour. Mr. Bautista will make a survey on vocational education in foreign lands.

He was given a despedida party by Manila Scouters shortly before he left.

Installation-Investiture

SCOUTS of Troop 242, Allen, Samar, held an installation-investiture ceremony last September at the Allen Elementary School. Isabelo G. Lim, Scoutmaster, was in charge of the affair.

Rev. Fr. Sofronio Maceda pronounced the invocation.

PHILIPPINE SCOUTING



"Leyte Scouting"

LATEST contribution to Scouting Journalism is "Leyte Scouting", eight-page monthly magazine published by the Provincial Council of Leyte. The first issue came out last October 31st.

Ramon J. Esperas, Editor of *Leyte Scouting*, states the purpose of the publication, as follows: "Leyte Scouting, in its humble way, shall crusade for the noble ideals of Scouting in the Philippines, confident that in its limited sense, it shall work to build up the cornerstone of the moral regeneration of our Youth, whom Dr. Rizal called the 'fair hope of our motherland'."

Exchanges should be addressed to Ramon J. Esperas, Editor, LEYTE SCOUTING, Tacloban, Leyte.

Regular Sunday Outing

TROOP 420, of Navotas Elementary School, Navotas, Rizal, under Scoutmaster Dante C. Atibagos, has been keeping up its regular week-end outing.

Every Sunday morning, the Scouts go to Navotas Beach, to practice swimming. The beginners learn the fundamentals of scientific swimming under the watchful eyes of Scoutmaster Atibagos, while the more experienced Scouts indulge in hard practice to qualify for the fifty-yard swim, one of the First Class requirements. Still others, who have passed this requirement, practice proficiency in life-saving.

It is gratifying to note that due to the earnest desire to instruct on the part of Scoutmaster Atibagos, and the ardent zeal to learn on the part of the boys, the beginners generally learn to swim after a few lessons. What is more, many of the boys can now swim over half the required distance.

Besides swimming and life saving, however, other games are played to the wholesome enjoyment of everyone.

NOVEMBER, 1938

N. E. Celebration

WHILE signing his name in the roster of those who attended the Scouters' Conference which featured SCOUTERS' DAY last November 7th, our Editor noticed the name of Eleuterio Tabuno, from Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija. Coming from such a place—quite a distance from Manila—Mr. Tabuno's name naturally would attract attention.

Accordingly, he was hunted up from among the group. Result: A very pleasant chat!

Mr. Tabuno happened to have in his pocket a copy of their Anniversary Period program. An examination of the same revealed that Cabanatuan Scouters are by no means behind the times. They, too, had activities conducted during the special days of the Period.

In addition, they inserted "CHILDREN'S DAY", (featured by good turns to little brothers and sisters) and "OLD PEOPLE'S DAY", (celebrated with extraordinary acts of service towards the aged.)

They also had a well-prepared program of activities for "SCOUTS' DAY IN CHURCH."

Mr. Tabuno, by the way, is a mild, nice-mannered gentleman, every inch a Scout. He is Assistant Provincial Scout Commissioner for Nueva Ecija.

PET SHOW

CITIZENS of Villaba, Leyte, composed an amazed and admiring audience at the celebration of "Kindness to Animals Day" last October 6th by Boy Scouts of Troop 497, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Macario Esmas.

The celebration was featured by a "Pet Show", which drew much applause and favorable comments from the spectators in view of its novelty. Each Patrol sponsored a pet in a general contest. The Dove Patrol was found to be the owner of "the most well-cared-for and best-trained dog" in the Troop; while the "Calaw" Patrol was the recipient of a prize for the "most-well-cared-for cat".

In addition to the Pet Show, the Boy Scouts also contributed a few interesting numbers in a musical-literary program held under the auspices of the Villaba Elementary School.

Contribute to our "Scout Scoops" Section.

Bulacan Organizes Council

TO "promote and direct the activities of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines" in the province of Bulacan, prominent government officials and citizens of the province met last September 19th in the office of the Provincial Governor and organized the Bulacan Provincial Council. Hon. Jacinto Molina, Provincial Governor, presided at the meeting. Librado I. Ureta, Field Scout Executive, explained the functions of a Provincial Council and assisted in the organization.

Election of officers was held, with the following results:

President: Hon. Jacinto Molina, Vice-President: Leodegario Victorino, Secretary - Treasurer: Aquilino L. Cariño.

Capt. Andres V. Bartolome was unanimously nominated Provincial Scout Commissioner. His appointment is officially made by the National Office.

Appointment of the chairmen of various standing committees was also accomplished, as follows: Organization and Extension, Leodegario Victorino; Leadership Training, Nicolas L. Cuenca; Advancement and Awards, Ignacio Susara; Activities and Camping, Dr. Domingo R. Tablan, and Finance, Don Antonio Bautista.

The members of the Council agreed to designate the last Saturday of each month as their regular meeting day. They hold meetings in the morning.

City School Units Plan Rally

TROOPS of the City Schools, ever busy, ever "on the go", are planning a big event set for December 17th.

Under the leadership of Jose V. Carls, Field Scout Commissioner for the City Schools, a Grand Rally of all Scout troops sponsored by public schools in Manila will be held next month, in preparation for a city-wide Field Day tentatively scheduled to be staged in February next year.

School troops are now busy practicing the different events which will feature the Rally.

Arsenio Tenmatay, of the H.E. Heacock's Company, has willingly agreed to donate a cup to the winning troop.

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SCOUT SCOOPS

Pampanga Scoutmasters Organize Round Table

UNDER the leadership of Dr. Francisco Gomez, Provincial Scout Commissioner for Pampanga, Scoutmasters from Pampanga organized a Scoutmasters' Round Table on September 25, 1938, at San Fernando, the provincial capital.

The following officers were elected:

President Antonio Dizon, District Scout Commissioner, Angeles

Vice-President Jose R. David, Scoutmaster, Troops 658 and 659, San Fernando

Secretary Jose Banting, Scoutmaster, Troop 525, Mexico

Dr. Francisco Gomez was unanimously elected Adviser of the Round Table.

The Scoutmasters first considered the important task of renumbering the troops of the province of Pampanga. After some discussion of the pros and cons of each method of renumbering the Troops, it was decided that the renumbering should be done according to the present registered advancement of each Troop. This was done as follows:

They got the number of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scouts of each Troop. For each Tenderfoot, they gave the Troop one point; for each Second Class Scout, two points; for each First Class Scout, three; for each Star Scout, four points; for each Life Scout, five; and for each Eagle, six. Then the total points of each

Agusan Council Meets

AS we recognize our responsibility, are we willing to lend a hand, do a good turn to our boys?" "Yes".

The above dialogue constituted a very significant phase of Scouting history in Agusan. The question was asked by none other than Agustin Pañares, live-wire Commissioner for the Public Schools of that province. The answer, in a booming chorus—was supplied by members of the Agusan Provincial Council. And the body proceeded to elect its officers, as follows:

Honorary President—Judge Vicente Varela

President—Governor Mariano C. Atega

1st Vice-President — District Engineer Antonino A. Fajardo

2nd Vice-President—Provincial Fiscal Jose Rodriguez

Secretary—Capt. Bibiano Ante Assistant Secretary—Div. Supt. of Schools Agustin Pañares

Treasurer—Provincial Treasurer Melanio Honrado

Agusan Scouters are "at it" earnestly, judging from the reports they send us of their occasional activities. Scouters and Scouts of Agusan often gather in one happy group. The picture appearing on this page depicts one of those cherished moments of Scout companionship.

Troop was divided by the number of boys in that Troop. The Troop which had the highest advancement average got No. 1, the second highest, No. 2, and so forth. In cases when a tie prevailed, the older Troop was given preference.

Discussion of Scouting problems concluded the meeting.

Langcauon Promoted

PRUDENCIO LANGCAUON, active City Scout Commissioner and member of the National Committee on Anniversary Period Celebration, was promoted last month from the position of Superintendent of City Schools to Assistant Director of Education.

Letters of congratulations from fellow Scouters are still in order....

"Animal Day" Program

A program at the Sara Central School, Sara, Iloilo, featured the local celebration of "Kindness to Animals Day" last October 4th. Story-telling, a few addresses, singing, and a Pet Show, were the highlights of the program.

Pedro Alamigo, Scoutmaster of Troops 528 and 702, was in direct charge of the affair. Prominent public school officials and residents attended the program.

Baguio Scouts

BOY Scouts in Baguio professing the Catholic Faith celebrated our Anniversary in a very fitting manner, as a copy of their printed program shows.

Their two biggest days in the Period were October 31st, FOUNDATION DAY, and November 6th, SCOUTS' DAY in CHURCH. They held a huge Torch Parade and a Grand Campfire in the first, and attended a special Catholic Field Mass in the second, at which Rev. Jose de Haes, Scoutmaster of Troop 4, officiated.

Another campfire program was held in the evening of November 6th.

Our PICTORIAL SCOUT-ORAMA section contains a picture of some Baguio Scouts.



Agusan Scouters and Scouts.

SCOUTING IN THE SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL

(Delivered over the radio last May by Dr. Felix Velasco, Chairman of Troop 131, sponsored by the San Lazaro Hospital, Manila)

LADIES and gentlemen of the Radio Audience:

From a personal standpoint I am indeed very grateful to KZRM for so kindly allocating an hour for broadcast to the leper boys and girls, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, in the Leprosy Department of the San Lazaro Hospital.

As one who has worked among lepers for the past sixteen years, I am fully aware of the fact that a handicap to the maintenance of orderly routine and the proper cooperation of the patients in our leprosy institutions—very essential for the success of the treatment being given them and for their general well being,—is the inadequate provision of healthy, sane and properly regulated entertainment that will make them feel more like at home during their enforced confinement.

This is especially true for the leper patients in San Lazaro Hospital, where, due to lack of opportunity, greatly increased number of patients, they could not pick up and pursue their ordinary occupations as they did while residing in their respective homes.

Efforts have been, and are, being exerted to ameliorate this phase of segregation within the hospitals, limited space, and the help or assistance extended by private institutions, organizations, and persons philanthropically inclined for the betterment of these poor and unfortunates, will have a tendency to make their lives much more pleasant and much more bearable.

Due to the efforts of Mr. Irving Hart, a sincere and trusted friend of all boys and girls confined in our various leprosy institutions, and the help of kind friends, in this as well as at other Stations and in the Culion Leper Colony, the boys and the girls have been organized into units of the Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girl organizations.

It is not necessary that I go into detail and dilate on the ideals, aspirations, training and discipline of these two organizations, which are helping in our country



DR. FELIX VELASCO

as in other progressive countries, to build mentally, morally, and physically strong and vigorous self-reliant citizens and citizenship.

We are all of us cognizant of their aims and purposes as well as their many achievements, however, while I may not be in a position to speak for other leprosy institutions, I should like, at this time, to say a few words regarding their membership in the San Lazaro Hospital.

There are at present twenty-six Camp Fire Girls and forty-two Boy Scouts in this Leprosarium. And with rare exceptions, these two groups, besides maintaining a general conduct worthy of emulation by the other patients, have always willingly and voluntarily cooperated with those in charge of the institution in sundried and various ways.

They have helped in giving entertainment for themselves and their companions by rendering musical programs and dances, dramas, drills, and outdoor games. They have shown commendable acts of helpfulness to their fellow patients in times of emergency and distress. They have offered their services to act as guides and in the preservation of order and peace during holidays. They have likewise helped by their example, by words, and by actual prevention of acts and tendencies inimic-

al to existing rules and regulations. True it is that once in a while a certain member may commit an act or acts to the contrary, but such cases are extremely rare compared to other groups of patients not within these two organizations.

What is especially vexing in the care of young people of both sexes confined together in an institution of limited space like the San Lazaro Hospital is keeping and protecting their moral well-being and leading them in their formative years towards proper character building. These essentials are especially important inasmuch as these young people have been removed from healthful influences of parents and home and some-

thing has to be done for their proper upbringing. Therefore those in charge of them, the school which we maintain as a branch of the City Schools, inside the hospital, and organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls are doing all that lies in their power to supply these needs.

That we are succeeding in our efforts is amply manifested by the record shown by the young girls and boys in this institution. And it goes without saying that such record, as shown by these two entities within this hospital is largely due to a great extent as a direct result of their training as members, and the efficiency of their organizations. That makes them worthy of the exaltations and expectations of their many friends that on various occasions and in multitudinous ways have extended to them a helping hand. I sincerely hope that they will continue in the future, as they always have in the past, to be worthy recipients of whatever help that might be spared to them, by those of us who are in more fortunate circumstances and are in a position to aid and assist their less fortunate fellowmen.

I thank you.



CUBBERS' CONFAB

A TYPICAL DEN MEETING PROGRAM

By CHARLES F. SMITH

(Reproduced from *Cub Leaders'*
Round Table)

NEW Cubmaster, or old-timer, you'll get Cubbing at its best if you see that Den meetings contain at least part of each of the ingredients listed below. There is nothing rigid about the formula. Each Cubmaster, in consultation with his Den Chiefs and Den Mothers, decides on how he wants to combine these ingredients to get results with the Dens in his particular Pack.

I. BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS

1. Den Mother and Den Chief discuss program outlines that the Den Chief received and discussed at his Weekly Meeting with the Cubmaster.
2. Denner prepares indoor and outdoor meeting places.

II. WHILE THE CUBS ARE GATHERING

1. Each Cub reports to Den Mother showing her his Cubbook signed by parents, reports progress, or asks the Den Mother for help.
2. If indoors, the Den Chief shows the first arrival a trick or a puzzle. (See any issue of the CUB LEADERS' ROUND TABLE.) As other boys come in they learn the trick or puzzle. If it is simple and time permits, they make it, take it home, and try it on their parents.
3. If outdoors, Den Chief or Denner leads games of low organization; that is, a game in which later arrivals may join without interrupting the game.

III. AFTER ALL ARRIVE

1. Opening Song, Yell or Grand Howl—OR
2. More formal opening with a single ceremony. (For suggestions for opening see the Manual for Leaders in the Elements of Cub Leadership Training Course, or Cubmaster's Packbook.)

IV. DEN BUSINESS

Note: It will aid the Den Chief if the Den Mother will sit in on this meeting and encourage an orderly, businesslike meeting with a limited amount of discussion.

1. Denner collects dues and immediately turns them over to the Den Mother.
2. Report of the Keeper of the Buckskin.
3. Den Chief assisted by Den Mother conducts discussion on "What shall we do at our next Pack meeting?"
4. Individual Cubs are given an opportunity to call upon the Den for cooperation required for certain electives, such as Secret Code, Make Believe, Music, Reading.
5. Under the subject of Advancement Cubs ask questions, report progress they are making or call for help.

V. PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES PERIOD

1. Prepare and practice Pack meeting projects.
2. Miscellaneous handicrafts. (Start in Den meeting, finish at home with help of Dad.)
3. Miscellaneous playways for teaching and reviewing achievements.
4. Variety of indoor and outdoor games.

VI. CLOSING THE MEETING

1. Announcements and reminders.
2. The Den Mother's minute (Complimentary remarks.)
3. Closing exercises or ceremony. (See official Cubbing literature.)
4. Den Mother and Chief remain a few minutes to review meeting.
5. Keeper of the Buckskin remains to make notes of the meeting and show them to the Den Mother before taking home.

CORRECTION

MAJOR William C. Farr, President of the Cavite Boy Scout Provincial Council, calls our attention to an error in "The Provincial Council at Work", which appeared in our September Issue.

Our article stated:

"WHO COMPOSE THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES?"

Carefully selected representatives of the civic, educational, religious and business interests, and Boy Scout Troops, patriotic FILIPINO CITIZENS who are over 21 years of age, are eligible to membership, provided that:

1. They like boys and want to help them.
2. They will "play the game of Scouting".
3. They will actively discharge the duties of their respective offices.

Other FOREIGN NATIONALS may be honorary members."

For purposes of correction and clarification, we quote Section 3 of Article V of our National Constitution as follows:

"Section 3—No person shall be eligible to membership in the National Council of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines who is not a citizen of the Philippines or of the United States of America or has not taken the preliminary legal steps to become a citizen of the Philippines or of the United States of America.

We are grateful to Major Farr for having called our attention to this important matter.

PICTURES

of your activities during Anniversary Period will be most welcome. We shall expect them.

BOYS' SECTION

ANDRES BONIFACIO

"The Great Plebeian" --- A Great Scout

SAYS Hon. Camilo Osias, famous Filipino parliamentarian and educator:

"Andres Bonifacio was a great Filipino commoner, founder of the historic Katipunan; father of the greatest Philippine revolution; a citizen who was a model of industry and earnest pursuit of knowledge and truth through intelligent reading; and a patriot whose life was at all times the embodiment of the sound democracy whose creed was duty and service and rights merited thru toil and sacrifice."

On the thirtieth day of November of each year, we celebrate what is known as *National Heroes' Day*. November 30th is always set aside as a day on which we honor Filipino national heroes.

But although in our list of heroes appear the names of many men and women who have performed various acts of service and devotion to the fatherland, one name stands out with prominence and almost insistent conspicuousness, the name of a national hero whose memory always brings to the minds of all true Filipinos a very vivid and appealing scene,—the picture of a bloody disordered battlefield on which lie bleeding and dying men, and on which stands defiantly with noble figure and determined mien this greatest of all Filipino fighters—Andres Bonifacio, *"The Great Plebeian"*—a great leader and a great Scout.

A man such as Andres Bonifacio is one whom all Boy Scouts should take as a model. A Filipino such as Andres Bonifacio is one whom all Filipino citizens should admire.

He was a man who owed his greatness to no one but himself alone. He had not the means with which to educate himself. Out of sheer perseverance and tenacity of

purpose, he succeeded in securing enough learning with which he sought to serve his Country.

His life was one continuous cycle of toil, hardships, and sacrifice. An orphan at an early age, he became employed in various jobs in the city, and manifested versatility in several types of work.

What is a Scout?

Vigor, vitality, vim and punch;
That is a Scout.
The courage to act on a sudden hunch;
That is a Scout.
The nerve to tackle the hardest thing,
With feet that climb and hands that cling,
And a heart that never forgets to sing,
That is a Scout.
Sand and Grit in a concrete base,
That is a Scout.
A friendly smile on an honest face;
That is a Scout.
The spirit that helps when another's down,
That knows how to scatter the blackest frown,
That loves its neighbor and loves its town,
That is a Scout.
To say "I will", for you know you can;
That is a Scout.
To look for the best in every man,
That is a Scout.
To meet each thundering knock out blow,
To come back with a laugh because you know,
You've got the best of the whole darned show.
That is a Scout.

Anonymous

Cited as a factor which greatly affected Andres Bonifacio's life is his ardent love for reading. He was a great reader; and his readings always cast a very potent effect on his attitudes and ideals. Among his favorite books were *"The French Revolution"* and the Bible. It is most probable that he

gained inspiration to lead a revolution from the former, and derived much of the noble, edifying principles embodied in the code of the *Katipunan*, from the latter. The *Katipunan* was the organization he founded in 1892, the three aims of which were (1) to resist oppression, (2) to foment nationalism, and (3) to obtain Philippine Independence.

Considering the vast amount of unfavorable circumstances which constantly assailed Andres Bonifacio while engaged in his patriotic task, one can not but marvel at his extraordinary capability and remarkable will. He pioneered a great Cause; and like all great pioneers, he was willing to sacrifice even himself for the good of future generations. He was a Scout in every sense of the word.

He was poor and greatly handicapped by serious financial difficulties; he strove in various ways to overcome them.

He was ignorant and lacked opportunity to study sufficiently like other learned men; he taught himself with patience and determination.

Alone, he was weak and unable to carry out his patriotic designs; he won friends to his side and rallied them on in a glorious fight for his Cause.

He was a fighter, and he advocated bloodshed; it was for a Cause, just and divine.

His enemies were powerful and unrelenting; he was firm in his belief that God is always on the side of the righteous; he dared.

He had nothing but his life to give to his country; he gave it without regret.

He was a great Scout.

LOS BAÑOS SCOUTS ENCIRCLE MT. MAKILING

TWENTY-five members of Troop 58, College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines, led by Assistant Scoutmasters Andres P. Aglibut and Gerardo Capati, had a bicycle outing around Mt. Makiling on Saturday, August 20th. At the signal, "follow the leader", the party left their headquarters before noon and proceeded to San Pablo via Caluan, arriving at the former place after pedalling on twenty-one kilometers of easy road. The greater portion of the town which was razed by the worst conflagration in the history of San Pablo was visited by the cyclists. The interesting views of Sampaloc Lake and the San Pablo Hospital were not omitted in the itinerary.

From San Pablo, the party pedalled their way to Alaminos and leisurely negotiated the distance of twelve kilometers in an hour. A visual survey of the town plaza and school ground and a brief restful stop in front of the Rizal monument impressed the ever-curious and ever-admiring cycling Scouts. A stop outside the town at a home-made copra drier in actual operation enabled them to obtain some information supplementary to what they were learning from the College circulars and class discussions on the subject.

The distance of nine kilometers between Alaminos and Santo Tomas was made in less than one hour, with the first instructive incident taking place during that period. A member of the party got the cramps, so that at the whistle signal of "halt", everybody dismounted and administered first aid by turns to the cramped member.

Were the boys in good cheer? Indeed they were! The imposing view of the ever-green, ever-cloud-capped and ever-inspiring Mt. Makiling and the background of the College of Agriculture always on their right made them feel poetic. The massage and rest eased their comrade's tightening nerves and the cold drinks that they had at Santo Tomas refreshed every one of them.

The rolling topography of the

By Andres P. Aglibut

A.S.M., Troop 58 Los Baños

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region between Santo Tomas and Calamba makes cycling both easy and difficult—easy on the downgrade and difficult on the upgrade. The third point of the Scout Law says: "A Scout is Helpful." Scout Motto is "Be Prepared". Helpfulness both in word and action and preparedness to do a good turn could not have been better exhibited when the Scouts administered emergency treatment to two others of the party who got the cramps, one immediately after the other. How ever-ready and ever-prepared to render service were the Scouts? The passers-by knew, when they stopped, looked, and intriguedly observed the Scouts and were convinced that Scouts could take good care of themselves even on the highways.

The group had traversed fifty-six kilometers. After thirteen more, they would be in Calamba. The home town of Dr. Jose Rizal interestedly witnessed twenty-five Scouts lined up in single file as if they were on parade. It was 5:45 o'clock P.M. when they left the Calamba Crossing. Everybody was alert and in a joyful mood. Darkness was then fast approaching, and a little drizzle began to dampen their spirits. "Pull-overs

on and a kilometer in four minutes" was immediately prescribed by the leader.

"Lights on!" was the announcement made at Pansol. Maria Makiling was ever on their right, silently urging them swiftly ahead! Six-thirty, and at last, Los Baños was in sight! "Fifteen minutes to go and three kilometers more to close the circle" was the timer's information which passed down the file. And he was right, for at quarter to seven, they were all home again, fatigued and breathless, but happy and satisfied.

Hiking and cycling trips should be included in the monthly activities of every troop. They offer several advantages for the organization, in general, and for the members in particular. Instructions can be given effectively, and results can be easily checked upon. The discipline of the troop is put to a test and improved if wanting.

It is the nature of boys to look forward to more activities after the successful completion of one. Trips of the kind described above afford the best opportunities for the acquisition of knowledge conducive to promotion in class and of interest in nature study, the development of the physical and mental faculties, and also the cultivation of the spirit of comradeship—an essential element of successful Scouting.



Los Baños Scouts prepare for Mt. Makiling tour.

Share Your Plans With Us.

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PATROL LEADERS'

Conducted by
SPL

DEAR S. P. L.:

I always thought that the appointment of a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader is all there is to the organization of a Patrol. Now, however, I am confronted with a problem which sort of predicts we'll have no Patrol very soon. Everybody seems to be in the mood for becoming Patrol Leader. I suggest a yell and the whole gang wants to lead. We hit on a new song, and everyone wants to be song leader. During camps and hikes, we spend an awful time deciding as to who will be Quartermaster, Bugler, or what.

Can you offer any solution to this problem?

Sincerely yours,
Manuel R.

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DEAR MANUEL:

The situation you presented in your letter is not so pleasant to contemplate, and the scene I have in mind of your Patrol Meetings is probably no less pleasant on one's nerves. I can imagine how you feel whenever your boys start campaigning to be leaders all in the different activities of your Patrol.

If ever there's anything worth applauding in the contents of your letter, it is the indication that your boys must be terribly interested in Scouting and that they probably can easily be turned into excellent Scouts if properly handled.

Patrol Organization, although at first glance may seem insignificant, is no less significant than Troop Organization. The whole machinery of Scouting depends on Troop Organization; and the latter, in turn, counts on Patrol Organization for its very existence. Thus you see the relative weight of Patrol Organization in your Troop.

While I do not say that what I am about to suggest would solve

your particular problem, I do say that I have much faith in it, because I have seen it work more than a dozen times in different Patrols.

A certain Patrol I visited very recently is *composed of leaders*. But—don't fly off the handle! Keep calm till you hear all about it. One of them, of course, is the appointed Patrol Leader. I said he was appointed, but then, I believe I ought to add that he was first elected by the Patrol. His appointment was only a sort of official action. The Scoutmaster sensed his popularity and had tested his leadership ability. That's why he was made Patrol Leader.

Then, there is his Assistant Patrol Leader, officially appointed by the Scoutmaster upon his recommendation. But as I said, the Patrol was *composed of leaders*. Well, this is how that was arranged.

Everybody in the Patrol is good in singing, but there is one boy who beats them all in leading. So he got the job as Patrol Song Leader. Another fellow, according to the P. L., was clamoring for that same post, but he was appointed Yell Leader instead. It so happened he had also bright ideas about yells. One of the boys is by nature inclined toward writing and record-keeping. So they made him Patrol Scribe. Almost everybody wanted to be *Grubmaster*, but one boy beat them all in an ingenuous test on foodstuffs and their current prices. Then, there is also somebody who has done a lot of traveling around the town, and who knows most of the places which can be utilized as Boy Scout Camps. He was instantly appointed Hikemaster. One of the boys owns a small wooden cart, which he lets his dog pull. The gang voted him to be Quartermaster. He can easily take care of

Baguio Scouts

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ses through Caba and Agoo. They stopped occasionally to rest for several minutes on the way and on one occasion, to fix a flat tire. Reaching Bauang at about four o'clock that afternoon, they were elated over the prospect of a chance to take a plunge in the sea to cool themselves. They rode straight to Long Beach, rested a few minutes, disrobed, and then enjoyed a nice long swim.

After an hour of joyful swimming, they took a shower bath, dressed, and rode north to San Fernando, La Union, where they took their supper and then returned to the beach to camp for the night.

There being nothing else to do, but rest, they did not bother about building a campfire. Using their bicycle lamps in the dark, they formed a sort of enclosure with their bicycles, spread their blan-

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the transportation of camp equipment in cases of camps and hikes.

There you are, Manuel, I opine that is as best as any organization you can find anywhere in any Troop. Divide the work in your Patrol and give each boy specific responsibility. Let him feel that he is a part of the Patrol, and that its existence depends just as much on him as it does on you. A few of the fellows will undoubtedly aspire for the same job sometimes, but you can easily ease somebody's lacerated feelings by giving him another part. Of course, it is needless for me to caution you against the creation of too many posts. Weigh each job carefully before assigning anybody to do it. Examine well whether such an appointment would be advantageous, and above all, see to it that your man fits the job! Remember, "square pegs don't fit round holes"!

Sincerely yours,

SPL



Improved COT and CAMP CHAIR

By GONZALO W. GONZALES

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster,
Troop 58, Los Baños, Laguna

WHEN regular folding camp-cots are not available, or are too difficult to carry, a cot that is just as serviceable and practical may be improvised. The outdoor berth, designed by Assistant Scoutmaster Jose P. Esguerra, was used by the campers of Troop 58 on their junket to Mindoro.

Advantages of the improvised cot include the availability of ne-

cessary materials and ease in transportation, since the campers have practically nothing to carry.

For the cot, Scouts will have to furnish two ordinary gunny sacks, such as are used for containing rice. They should be slit slightly at the corners of their closed ends. They are then stretched, open ends meeting at the center,



The Improved Cot.

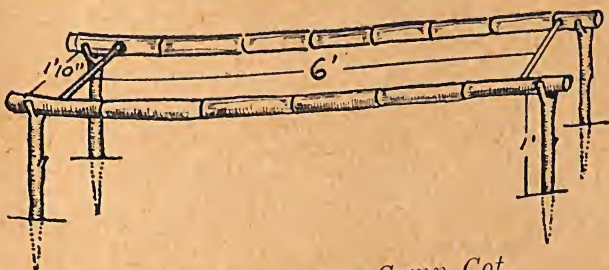


Diagram of the Camp Cot.



Dr. Bienvenido M. Gonzales, Dean of the College of Agriculture and President of the Laguna Council, may be seen in the above picture. Notice the "Scout-style" benches and table.

cessary materials and ease in transportation, since the campers have practically nothing to carry. The finishing touch is added by sewing the overlapped ends of both sacks, at the center. Covering the frame with a sheet or a camp blanket will serve to improve the appearance and "feel" of the cot.

The following improvised camp chair, though not as easy to make, will be found very comfortable. The frame and support consist of light saplings, while the covering is formed by two sacks, also sewn together, and held by two cross-pieces, inserted through slits at the two corners of both closed ends. The dimensions given in the illustration have been found to be most practical and convenient, although other dimensions may be used to suit one's needs.

For the framework of the chair and the posts of the cot, ipil-ipil saplings were found to be rather ideal, since the wood may be found



The Camp Chair..

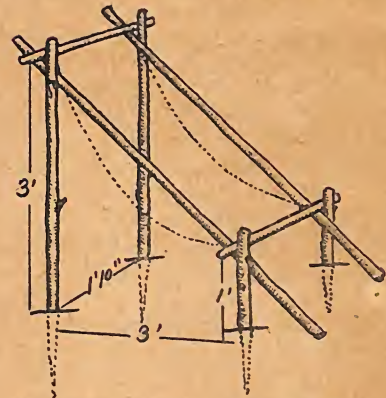


Diagram of the Camp Chair.

almost anywhere. The sacks, with their closed ends still unslit, may be used for carrying supplies and provisions, while bound for the camping site.

"HOW TO MAKE" ARTICLES - We want 'em!

Special articles regarding the construction of native handicraft objects, particularly those that are of practical use at home, are in great demand in the field.

There may be "handicraft specialties" in your town which other towns do not have. Put down your ideas on paper at once, and we shall do the rest.

PICTURES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

GAMES AND RECREATION

Edited by G. C. Torres

National Office Staff Member

KNOT AND ROPE GAMES

KNOT-tying, aside from being a useful lore, can also be utilized as an enjoyable pastime. Knot-tying games are very popular among Boy Scouts, especially among Tenderfoot Scouts, who get not only fun but also much practice from these games.

Games and Recreational Methods, by Charles F. Smith, gives us some very good knot-tying games. We take the liberty of reproducing a few in this issue of *Philippine Scouting*.

JOINING CIRCLE RACE — *Cubs, and Sea Scouts.* Form each patrol or den in a circle, facing inward, and station a junior or senior leader in each circle to act as judge. Each player on the circle holds one end of a piece of rope with his left hand, allowing the other end to hang down.

At the word "Go" each player grasps the hanging end of his right-hand neighbor's rope and joins it to his own, using a certain joining knot called for at the beginning of the game. As soon as a player ties his knot he drops his rope and steps into the circle. The first team with all members inside the rope circle wins, provided the judge pronounces all knots correct.

Notes for Leaders. It adds to the fun to let each group yell when all members are in the circle. Cubs enjoy this feature of the game—the younger the players, the louder the yelling.

Group leaders should be allowed enough time to teach the knot to be used in joining the ropes, and they should know a week in advance exactly which knot or knots will be used, so that they will be prepared to teach them.

Of course, a group will be disqualified if so much as one knot in its chain is incorrect.

The tendency of too many Scout Leaders is to use the square knot only in games of this kind, and that is the knot they should not use with experienced Scouts. Cubs might better use the square knot and the square bow, while Scouts use other joining knots including

fisherman's, weaver's, sheet bend, binder, and carrick. Of all these the carrick bend seems most interesting to both Scouts and Sea Scouts.

ONE STEP TYING CONTEST

—*Scouts and Sea Scouts.*

This contest succeeds outdoors, or indoors in a large room. When practiced as either a troop or ship contest, an adult leader should take charge, with patrol or crew leaders in charge of their respective groups acting as knot judges. The game succeeds better with comparatively small numbers.

Before starting, the leader should announce the knots to be tied, provide each player with a rope, and then allow the groups a few minutes to practice in their corners.

Line up the players by groups in a single front rank; each boy leader takes his place in front of his men. The adult leader, stationed in front of the entire group, names a knot and begins to count along slowly. Following a count previously agreed upon—about five, depending upon the difficulty of the knot—the leader commands, "Drop ropes!" The junior leaders quickly inspect the knots, pronouncing them either right or wrong without argument or explanation. After the inspection the leader instructs all who tied the knot correctly to take one step forward—as long a step as possible. Other knots are tied and judged in a like manner. At the conclusion the patrol or crew that has most members on the front line is the winner.

Notes for Scoutmasters and Skippers. When the game is played outdoors, let all players who tie their knots correctly take a standing broad jump forward.

Use one knot for a game but tie it a number of times. For example, first drop ropes on count five, next drop on count four, etc. Occasionally, have the Scouts tie knots with their eyes closed, with the lights out, or behind their backs.

The Roll Call . . .

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nations, and several medals of honor from the government of France. Only recently, the National Assembly passed a law enabling him to receive an award from the King of Belgium, to whom he once served as aide-de-camp while His Majesty was still crown prince.

LIKE all other great Filipinos, General Valdes is a firm believer in the vast potentialities of youth. He is immensely fond of children, especially young boys, and in connection with the latter, he sincerely believes that Scouting is a movement which will enhance greatly their training in school and church. General Valdes is a popular member of our National Executive Board and has served in various capacities in our organization. He used to be chairman of our National Court of Honor, and was at one time requested to be a candidate for the presidency of the Philippine Council. Due to his numerous activities, however, he finds his time inadequate to devote actively to Scouting. Hence, he performs his work now only as a member-at-large.

We take utmost pleasure in presenting him to you in this issue. Major-General Valdes is an accomplished surgeon, a distinguished army official, a recognized Scout leader, and an honored gentleman.

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President's Speech

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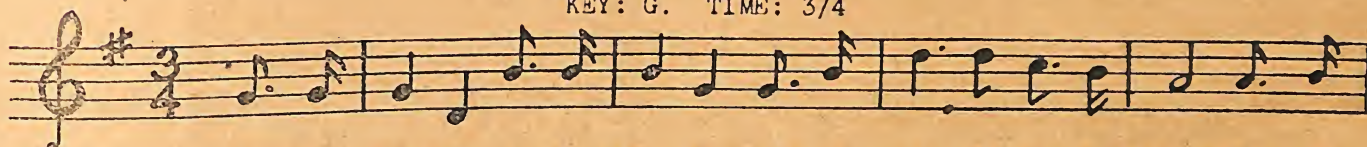
Show them by your exemplary conduct and the high qualities that you possess how desirable it is for others of your age to be as you are. The highest rank to which you can aspire is the Eagle Rank. Only those who work conscientiously, painstakingly and earnestly can attain that rank, but it is a great badge of honor and achievement, and I hope you will all do your best to qualify for it.

I wish to extend to you, my fellow Scouters and Scouts, my whole-hearted wishes for continued progress and success, and to you, ladies and gentlemen, who are friends of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, I wish to commend the Boy Scout Movement and its lofty ideals.

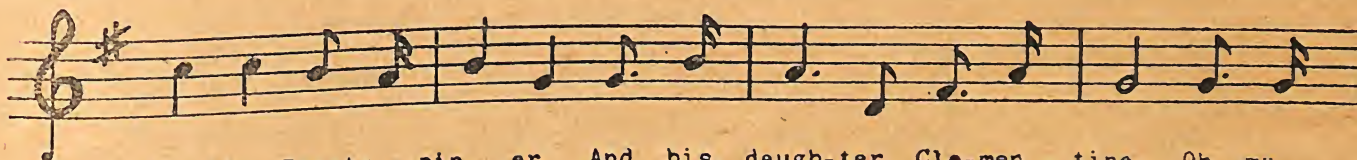
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Clementine

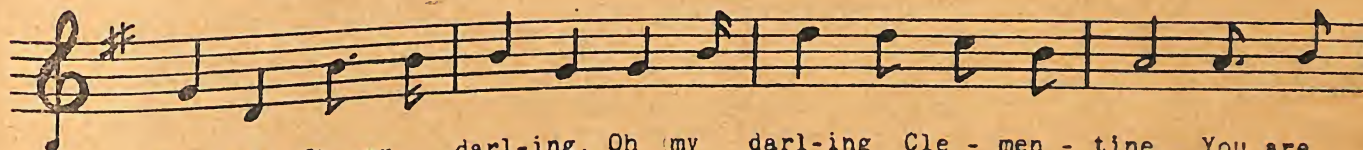
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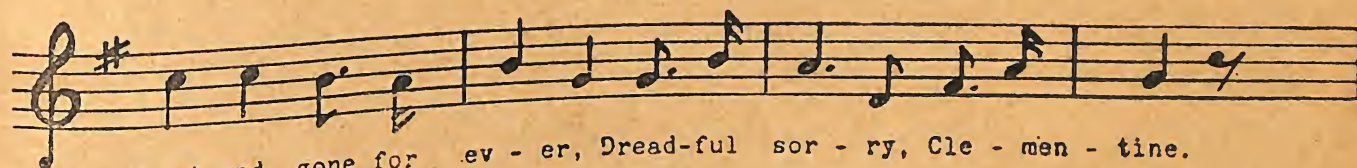
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min-er, For-ty - nin - er, And his daugh-ter, Cle-men - tine. Oh my



darl-ing, Oh my darl-ing, Oh my darl-ing Cle - men - tine. You are



lost and gone for ev - er, Dread-ful sor - ry, Cle - men - tine.

1. In a cavern, in a canyon,
Excavating for a mine,
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner,
And his daughter, Clementine.

(CHORUS)

*Oh, my darling, Oh, my darling,
Oh, my darling Clementine!
Thou art lost and gone forever;
Dreadful sorry, Clementine.*

2. Light she was and like a fairy,
And her shoes were number nine;
Herring boxes, without topses,
Sandals were for Clementine.
3. Drove she ducklings to the water,
Ev'ry morning just at nine;
Hit her foot against a splinter,
Fell into the foaming brine.
4. Saw her lips above the water,
Blowing bubbles, mighty fine;
But, alas! I was no swimmer,
So I lost my Clementine.

(MINOR KEY)

5. In a corner of the churchyard,
Where the myrtle boughs entwine,

Grew the roses in their posies,
Fertilized by Clementine.

(MINOR KEY)

6. Then the miner, forty-niner,
Soon began to peak and pine;
Thought he "oughter jine" his daughter,
Now he's with his Clementine.

(MINOR KEY)

7. In my dreams she still doth haunt me,
Robed in garments soaked in brine;
Though in life I used to hug her,
Now she's dead I'll draw the line.

(MINOR KEY)

8. How I missed her, how I missed her,
How I missed my Clementine!
But I kissed her little sister,
And forgot my Clementine.
9. Now you Scouts should learn the moral
Of this little tale of mine;
*Artificial respiration
Would have saved my Clementine.*

"PHILIPPINE SCOUTING"--- Approved by the Bureau of Education!

HURRAY!

Philippine Scouting has just been included in the approved list of the Bureau of Education! This is indicative of growth on our part, and of increasing consciousness on the part of the Bureau of Education officials to the merits of the Scout program as a supplement to their own educational system.

Philippine Scouting is OUR magazine. This triumph is ours! Let us capitalize on it by doing our best to make *Philippine Scouting* available to every boy in our Troop and to all interested citizens in our community.

Scouts—kindly go over the opposite page and read about our **SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER!**

Scouters—let's urge every Scout in our troop to join the glorious crusade for a bigger and better **PHILIPPINE SCOUTING!**

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IN REPLY ADDRESS THE
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
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The Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of the Philippines
P. O. Box 878, Manila

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that Philippine Scouting has been approved for subscription by elementary and secondary schools which have sponsored registered Boy Scout Troops. The approval of this magazine will appear in a forthcoming Approved Library List Supplement.

Very respectfully,

Cecilio Butong
CECILIO BUTONG
Chief, Curriculum Department
For the Director of Education

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Community Good . .

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mon Community Good Turns performed by our boys. Our August Issue publishes an article entitled "Safety in the School Zones", which describes and explains the work of Safety Patrols in school areas. These are charged with the responsibility of maintaining safety conditions in school areas. One doesn't have to be a Boy Scout in order to join a Safety Patrol, but safety authorities seem to realize the fitness of Scouts for this kind of job; most Safety Patrols are composed of Boy Scouts!

These, and several other Community Good Turns, await to be put into execution by civic-spirited Scouters and Scouts. Everyone does his duty to his country in his own little way. The soldier and the statesman render service to the country in their respective fields; the Scout performs his service according to his own principles. One of them is to "Do a good turn everyday."

Baguio Scouts . . .

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kets within this enclosure and slept early, without a care in the world.

They woke up early the next morning to enjoy an hour of swimming before breakfast. They cooked and ate breakfast at the beach and then broke camp. They spent the rest of the morning in sightseeing in and around San Fernando. At about noon, they rode back to Bauang where they ate their lunch at a restaurant and then finally started on their bicycles for their trip home early during the siesta hour.

They took the Naguilian Road for Burgos, the easternmost town of La Union on the La Union-Mountain Province boundary. Hard and constant pedalling was necessary, considering the fact

that it was mostly a dirt road they were cycling on. It was only in the segments that passed through principal towns that the road was asphalted. The Scouts enjoyed coasting at times, but they had to alight and walk up the high grades in the road, the nature of the road being caterpillar-like. Reaching Burgos, they stopped and rode on the bus line that took them up the steep road to Baguio, it being impossible for the boys to pedal up that steep grade for about forty kilometers.

They reached Baguio early in the evening of that day and the following morning, the other Scouts were all ears to them as they narrated their thrilling cycling experience. The other Scouts were so impressed that after the rainy season, there is no saying that some of them will be bringing up proposals for cycling trips.

Note: It may be interesting to add that during two previous parades held in the City, the Baguio troops had a patrol join the parades on gaily decorated bicycles, which always afforded impressing spectacles to the on-lookers.

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(1) *Précis clinique de l'Epilepsie* (1931) del Prof. José FERRA de Turin.
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